

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 through 14 and 18 through 21 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims the role 1, 14, 18 and 19 to clarifying these claims based on the outstanding office action. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Cho for the courtesy of an interview on October 12, 2005 during which the particular outstanding issues were generally discussed. It is Applicant's position that the claims patentably define over the prior art as a whole and favorable consideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 3 through 13 have been rejected under 35USC section 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has made a clarifying changes to the language of claim 1 such that it is clear that the original disclosure provides sufficient disclosure as to the feature claimed. Particularly, the claimed feature is an interface between a telephone line and the distributed network (telephone line to distributed network interface). Such an interface between the telephone line and the network (e.g., LAN) is provided by either the digital line card 26 or the line card 22 in the preferred embodiment. That is, this is an interface between the distributed network (such as an ETHERNET LAN) on the one hand and the telephone line on the other hand. As such the original specification does describe the particular claimed limitation. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection is

requested.

Claims 1, 3 through 13 and 21 have been rejected as being indefinite. Applicant has provided different wording with regard to these limitations. It is Applicant's position that it is clear that the network telephone and/or user of the particular network telephone has associated data at the central database and this is formulated as a web page (the data is in a context that a Web browser can present as a web page, e.g., XML HTML etc.). Claim 1 has been changed such that this is clear with the wording as now presented. Further, other minor changes have been made so as to improve the form of the claims. It is Applicant's position that all claims as now presented are clear, definite and fully conform with the requirements of the statute.

Claims 1, 3 through 12, 14 and 18 through 21 have been rejected as being anticipated by the Platt et al. reference (US 6, 757, 363). However, the reference fails to teach each feature as specified in the claims. Further, it is Applicant's position that Platt et al. fails to suggest all of the features as claimed. As such, the claims as presented patentably define over the prior art.

Claim 1 highlights the combination of the network telephone system with a network telephone as well as a network device (such as a computer). Browser software is supported at the network device. The network device, using the Web browser, can initiate telephone calls

at that network telephone. This combination of features is not taught and not suggested by the referenced passages from Platt et al. For example, column 7 lines 1 through 10 speak of the reassignment of a soft key 122 based on a change in the network telephones display. This provides no teaching and no suggestion with regard to means for actuating the network telephone via the network device using a number of a central database with this being actuated through and displayed through the Web browser. Column 7 lines 27 through 38 discusses the transfer of packets from a telephone to the call manager server, either through a gateway 36 or to one of the other telephones 22 – 26. As such, the Platt et al. reference fails to teach and fails to suggest the combination claimed in claim 1 and claims depending thereon.

Claim 14 highlights the method providing a call processor, network telephones and a network device. A network software interface is established with a graphical user interface at the network device. The process further includes initiating a telephone call based on input commands into the graphical user interface of the network device as well as initiating telephone calls using key is on the network telephone. This dual method of initiating telephone calls and other features are neither taught or suggested by Platt et al. As such, the Platt et al. reference fails to teach and fails to suggest the combination claimed in claim 14.

Claim 18 sets forth a combination of features including a network call processor and associated data storage forming a central database as well as web pages from data of the central database in combination with other features such as establishing multiple collision domains.

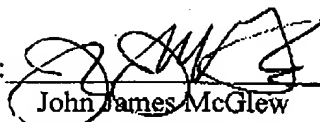
Further, a Web browser software interface is provided whereby data may be input or changed and viewed at the network computer device and data may be viewed and actuated him at the network telephone. Further, the claimed first collision domain includes at least one network telephone and the network device with a second collision domain including a network telephone and other network telephones. This combination of features is not met by the use of a network connected via a gateway to a public network as mentioned in the rejection. As such, the Platt et al. reference fails to teach and fails to suggest the combination claimed in claim 18.

Independent claim 19 includes a similar combination as per claim 1 and highlights that the telephone system has both a network computer device as well as network telephones. The network computer device can display telephone numbers from the database with a graphical user interface of the network computer device. This structure allows the initiation of a telephone call at one of the network telephones based on an input command to the graphical user interface (at the network computer device). As such, the Platt et al. reference fails to teach and fails to suggest the combination claimed in claim 19 and claims depending thereon.

As the prior art fails to suggest the commendation features of the independent claims, it is Applicant's position that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the claims is requested.

Further and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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